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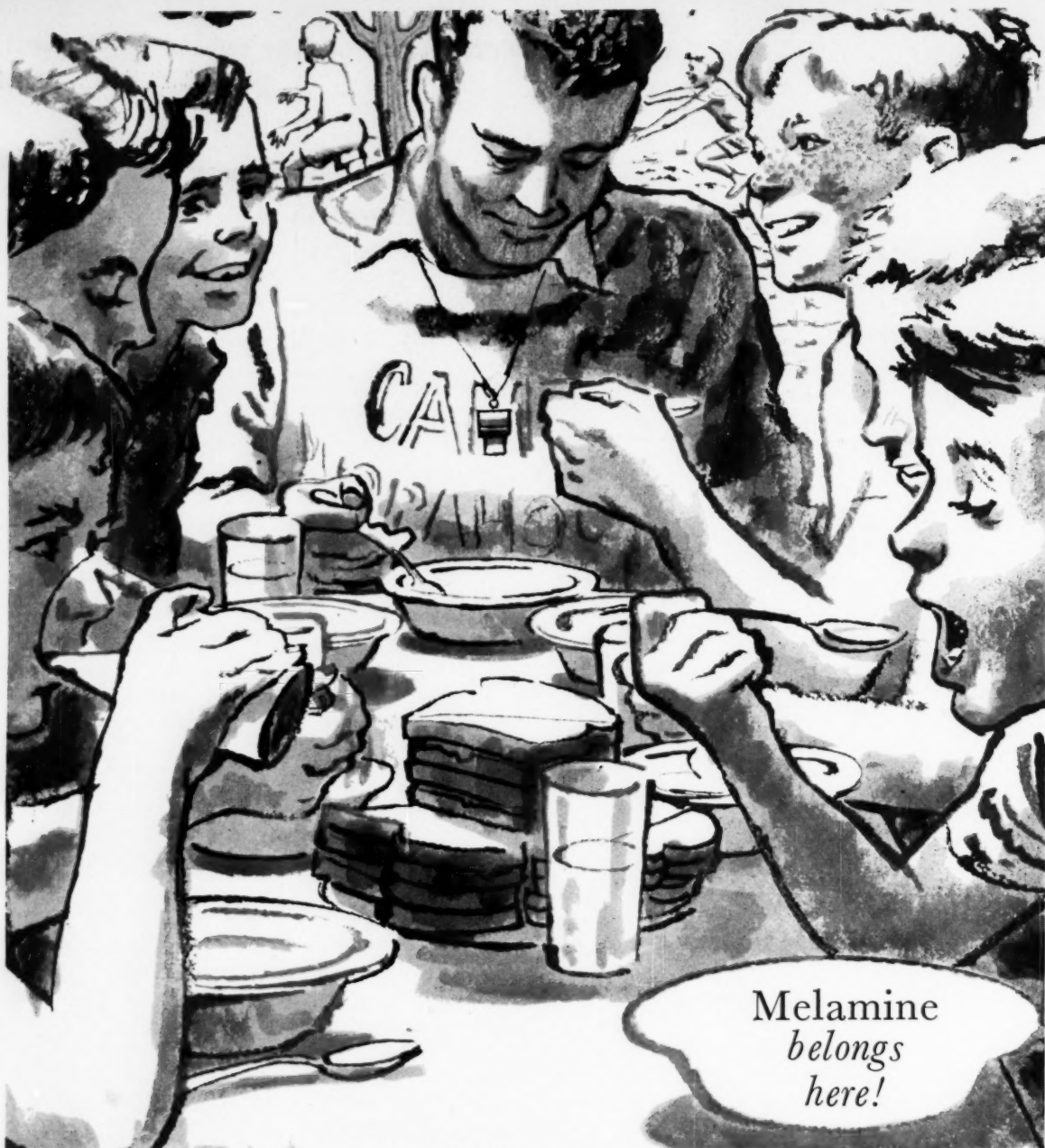
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John Swanson
Minneapolis 6, Minn.

Request Permission to Reprint

We would like permission to reprint the article "Camping's Worth Cannot Be Measured," by Charles R. Jenkins, which appeared in the March issue of Camping Magazine.

We wish to distribute copies of this outstanding article to the parents of campers and prospective campers and will give full credit as to author and magazine.

Elizabeth L. Kuehl
Camp Lou-E-Len
Park Falls, Wisc.

I am writing to request permission to reprint for the Steuben Girl Scout Bulletin an article entitled "Camping's Worth Cannot Be Measured" by Charles R. Jenkins.

Joan Whittenberg, District Director
Steuben Girl Scout Council, Inc.
Corning, N. Y.

Glad to grant this permission.—Ed.

Staff Salary Information

I am somewhat concerned regarding the article in the April issue of Camping Magazine entitled "Camps Share Staff Salary Information," because I feel it does not present a true picture of the existing staff salary schedules. The camp directors were given inadequate time for filling out the questionnaire, and their camps were not in some respects representative. I am sorry, therefore, that it has received such wide publicity.

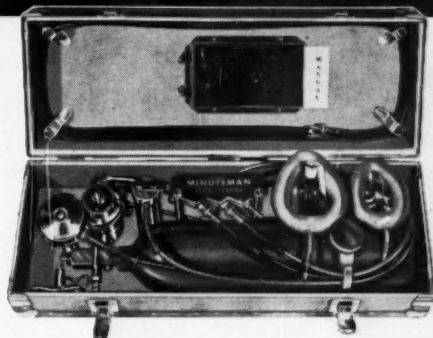
Leslie W. Lyon
Minne-Wonka Lodge
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We'd like to emphasize that, as stated in the article, this was a small, "informal" survey and therefore gives only an indication rather than a statistically accurate picture.—Ed.

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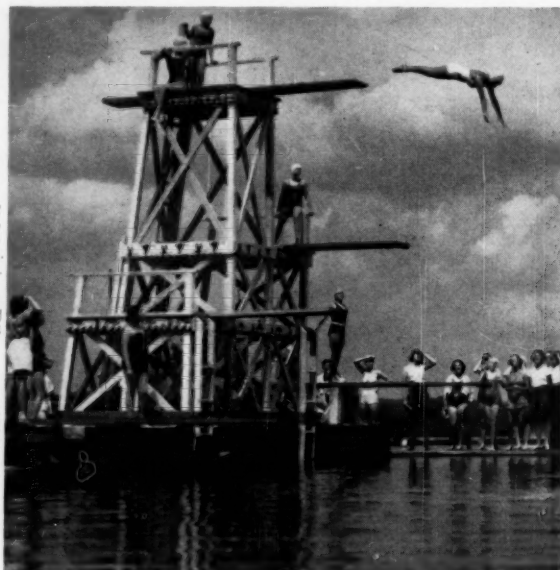
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Cloud Chart

By Louis D. Rubin, Box 8615, Richmond 26, Va., 50¢ and 25¢.

This poster-type chart, in two sizes, shows 35 color photographs of meaningful cloud formations. Captions tell how various clouds, accompanied by surface winds, forecast the weather.

You and Conservation

American Camping Assn., Bradford Woods, Martinsville, Ind., 10¢ each; 12—24 copies, 8¢; 25 or more, 5¢.

A pamphlet to help counselors and campers become aware of attitudes and simple practices of good conservation.

Tent Camper's Guide

By Don Parry, Outdoor Publishers, PO Box 155, Rocky Hill, Conn., \$1.

Here is a guide for individuals and families planning either a camping tour or choosing a campsite for a vacation in the northeast. 183 public camping areas are covered, and information includes location, size, length of season, fees, if any, principal attractions, type of setting and other details.

Family Camping

Western Campsite Directory

By the editorial staff of Sunset Books, Lane Publishing Co., Menlo Park, Calif., \$1.75 and \$1.50, respectively.

Family Camping tells families how to camp successfully. Although written especially for Westerners, content is equally helpful to others. Three sections cover: Planning the Adventure, Assembling Camp Equipment, and Life in Camp.

Western Campsite Directory tells where to camp in the Western states and British Columbia, and gives information on improved public campsites.

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Camping Digest

By Kenneth Chasey, Box 6247, Lamar Park Station, Corpus Christi, Tex.

An annual publication for use in planning family camping trips, this paper-bound book provides information on public campgrounds in the U. S. and Canada, and what facilities are available. Information is divided by states.

The Golden Book of Camping and Camp Crafts

By Gordon Lynn, Golden Press, Inc., 630 5th Ave., New York 20, \$1.95.

A how-to book for campers of all ages, this book gives instruction in all necessary camp skills, such as choosing the site, cooking over open fire, making a camp bed, and pitching and striking a tent, all illustrated by step-by-step drawings. There is also a list of essential camp clothing and gear and a map of the U. S., showing public campgrounds and sources for information on them.

People and Pets

Filmstrip by The Humane Society of the U. S., 1111 E. St., NW, Washington 4, D. C., \$1 for postage.

This 54-frame color filmstrip with recorded 21-minute narration is designed for children between 7 and 14 years. It gives information on the responsibilities of animal ownership, anti-cruelty laws, and the purposes and programs of humane societies. The filmstrip and record may be borrowed for scheduled showings. Orders should specify whether a 16 or 12 inch record is desired.

Let's Square Dance

Audio-Visual Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., series of six 16 mm sound motion pictures, color \$500, black and white, \$250; individual titles, color \$100, black and white, \$50.

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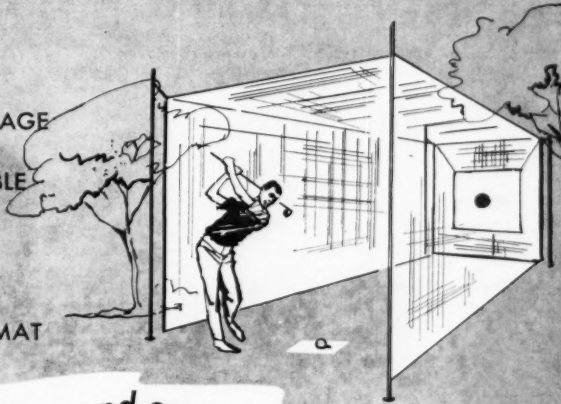
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Counseling

What Is a Counselor?

A counselor is one of those individuals who is supposed to know everything—but doesn't. He's head cook, time-keeper, property man, umpire, nature expert, activity planner, all rolled up in one. He knows everything about anything—from tap dancing to how to catch a butterfly without a net. He always knows just what's happening—when, where, how, and why—or he should.

A counselor's equipment consists of one more moment of patience, constantly in use; assorted answers in assorted places at assorted times; a slightly worn staff shirt. The appearance of a counselor varies from a crew cut and khakis to a pony tail and bermudas.

He works 25 hours a day without a complaint and is always willing to take night patrol for his best friend. He loves children or he wouldn't be at camp. He's a delightful combination of good times and bad times, of laughter and tears. He is a substitute parent and a big brother at the same time.

But the one thing that makes it all worthwhile is when a camper comes up and catches his arm, looks up at him and says, "Hey, will you be back next year?"

—Dr. Philip S. Fox, director, Kaufmann Camp, Washington, D. C.

What Is a Camper?

Immediately following that period known as school, an incredible creature known as a camper appears on the scene.

A camper is a rare combination of natural freshness, alarming frankness, unpredictable thoughts and actions, tangled hair, boisterous belly laughs, and unbelievable sincerity and enthusiasm.

Campers are found everywhere—in cabins, lagging behind on the trail, smoking in the latrine, hanging by their feet in a tree house, discussing problems with their coun-

selor on a bench, on the bottom of the swimming pool, squeezing furry animal necks, running away from camp, and, on hot, humid days, hanging affectionately on their counselor.

A camper is innocence with mud on his face, a ball of enthusiasm in T-shirt and jeans, a sun-tanned personality with problems.

Just so you remember him every minute of the day, he sings in a high-pitched voice, makes noises like the mating call of a whip-poor-will, flaps his wings in hawk-like fashion, throws a temper tantrum occasionally, playfully pushes his best friend over the stump in front of the dining hall, gets himself stung by angry wasps, or becomes an entanglement of mixed emotions which finds release in a fist fight or crying jag.

He likes animals of any size, shape or description, to chew two sticks of bubble gum at a time, to be awakened by the latest hit record, to be captain of the team, to get dressed up like an Indian or pirate at any time, and to hear his name at mail call.

He dislikes rest hour, carrying his bedroll, cold showers, getting up in the morning, seeing his counselor go on leave, and letting his pet frog go at the end of the camp period.

Nobody can spend as much time eating, exploring the creek bed, reading comic books, arguing over who's kicking whom at the table, ordering supplies at the camp store, or just sitting around a campfire having a glorious time dreamily singing favorite camp songs.

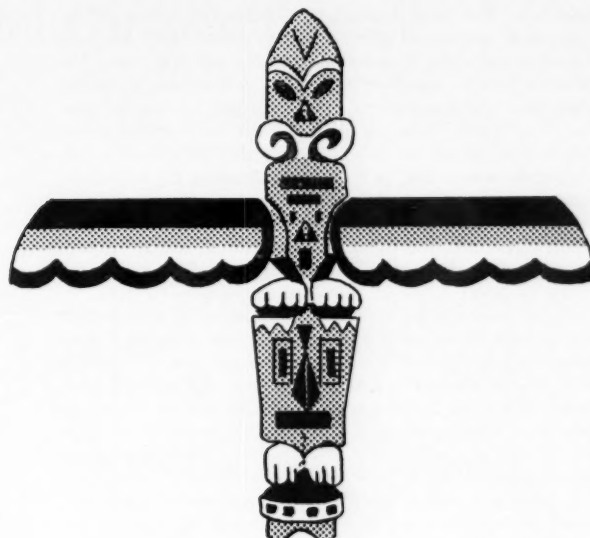
Nobody can be so illogical at so many times yet so warm and grateful the next minute. Nobody can cry so conveniently and become equally as effervescent when the occasion demands.

A camper is a magical creature, possessing two arms, two legs, a head and torso, all bursting with the breath of life, all anxious to explore the camp and counselor, most of which is attempted the first day of camp.

And, when the last note of Taps sounds and he's tucked securely under the covers and looking up at you wistfully, there's nothing in the world like the feeling of knowing that this camper is a real friend who wants your guidance and who has spent a truly wonderful day with you.

—From an article by Louis C. Kuehner in *Camping Magazine*, June, 1957.

Round-Up



Goals in Leadership

From what kind of experience does a child derive deeper satisfaction? It comes from an experience that convinces him he is a person of value, that builds self-respect and self-confidence, that reveals a child's limits to him in such a way that he is not discouraged but challenged, that uncovers a child's talents, whatever they may be, so that he may value them and not belittle them.

The child can learn at camp that he shares with others the capacity to appreciate beauty, to love, to build, and, yes, to hate and to destroy, and to use his human capacities as the building blocks of a meaningful life.

People learn to be proud of themselves by licking the problems they face. A child at camp can learn skills to enable him to move through a camp day with confidence.

—From an article by Martin Gold in *Camping Magazine*, November, 1958.

Keep the Camper in Mind

We need to keep reminding ourselves that what happens to each camper—his successes, his failures, his individual growth and adjustment—is more important than filling the camp, a successful program, no illnesses or accidents, every camper gaining weight, a lavatory in each cabin . . . Most campers do not need or particularly want elaborate facilities. But they do want and need mature, interested, thoughtful and helpful counselors and directors.

Keep facilities simple and rustic, and provide the best staff obtainable. We should not demand qualified teachers, doctors and agency executives for our youth 10 months of the year, and be satisfied with young immature leaders in our camps during the summer. We need to base camp capacity on the number of available trained leaders, rather than on facilities or income.

We are living in the beginning of the atomic era. The crying demand is for scientists. We shall need men and women trained in the Science of Life and Living, in Cultures and Attitudes, in Nature and Resources, to keep pace and balance with the nuclear scientists. What better laboratory for the training of such scientists than at a good camp?

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Most of us agree that organized camps provide unique opportunities for campers to learn about other people. Let us provide each camper with as many good experiences as possible to meet, know, and camp with people of other nations, races, nationalities, faiths. We also need to provide each camper with experience in sharing, cooperation, planning. There is no better environment for learning to practice democracy than in a good camp.

—From a talk by Hugh Ransom, Executive Director, ACA.

Counseling Is Channel One

Are you thinking of going into some kind of work that deals with people?

Somehow it appeals to you more than working with things or figures. You are not quite sure just what you will do?

You know that the world today is in dire need of people who will devote their working effort toward trying to provide a better society and who will develop and use their skills to help people learn how to get along with one another. You are aware from personal experience that many people do not seem to have a desire for service. You wonder why, because you are painfully conscious that this emphasis on success and "going places" has not made for personal happiness or growth.

At the same time, you have made some inquiries on



your own and have learned that there are many people engaged in organized efforts to help people and that this work has expanded tremendously in the last few years. Because of this tremendous expansion in response to public need, there are many more jobs than there are trained people to fill them. You are in tune with this development. You believe as we do that it is vital that we conserve our human resources and provide opportunities for happiness here on earth.

Somehow, in all of this, programs with a service motive appeal. You are interested in brotherhood, in giving people an opportunity to grow, to learn, and to enjoy the values of good living in the democratic way of life.

There is something you can do now that will benefit you beyond all measure in preparation for a career. Camp Counseling is channel number one to any job of working with people. Human relations skills are not learned from books. They are learned by doing. The role of the camp counselor rests upon skill of leadership more than upon any of the recreation or activity skills. The camp counselor is a beginning worker in human relations.

It does not matter greatly what facilities a camp may have, because its program depends upon its staff in the last analysis. During pre-camp training period and during the course of the camp season, the staff members have the opportunity to develop those skills, to test and experiment with group methods under good supervision and to gain personal maturity in the process. This is the training ground for the workers of the future. And besides, it is fun!

If you intend to go into any job that is based upon



understanding people, what we are saying here applies to you. The list is endless but surely includes personnel work, merchandising, recreation, teaching, nursing, reception duties and almost any place where you meet the public, and if your goal is to be a housewife and mother, then working with youngsters in a camp setting is top-notch training for the job. If you hope to be an active and alert citizen in your community, or perhaps a board member or volunteer, now is the time to learn the fundamentals of how to be an effective leader.

Camp Counseling is Channel Number One to working with people. Take a camp job this summer and in addition to the service you render to others, you will be preparing yourself for your life's work—for in today's world, the skill of getting along and working with people is absolutely essential.

—*Camp Counseling Is Channel Number One*, written by Alan F. Klein, is available from ACA headquarters at 10¢ each, 35¢ a dozen, \$2 for 100.

50 Suggestions for Camp Counselors

Being a successful camp counselor entails many qualifications and responsibilities. Listed are a few suggestions that may prove helpful to individuals hoping to attain that goal.

Director-Counselor Relationship

1. Be loyal to director
2. Understand purposes of camp
3. Live up to the contract
4. Do more than requested
5. Volunteer often—do a good job
6. Be on time
7. Obey rules and regulations
8. Take proper care of equipment
9. Discuss serious camper problems with director
10. Ask proper questions, don't be a pest

Camper-Counselor Relationship

11. Be sincere with campers
12. Be honest
13. Don't bluff
14. Practice fair play
15. Have a sense of humor
16. Avoid being partial
17. Don't have counselor "pets"
18. Show authority, but don't be a dictator
19. Take a personal interest in all campers
20. Be stimulating

Staff Relationships

21. Be cooperative with other staff
22. Be friendly
23. Understand duties of others
24. Have patience with new counselors
25. Assist fellow workers when possible
26. Appreciate contributions of fellow workers
27. Share, don't be selfish
28. Avoid being over-critical of other staff members
29. Be sociable
30. Show interest in their job

Parent-Counselor Relationships

31. Show poise when talking to parents
32. Have pleasant manners
33. Don't criticize camp in a destructive manner
34. Don't be "carried away" by parents
35. Discuss children openly and fairly
36. Avoid monotony in conversation
37. Talk about camper achievements
38. Don't exaggerate
39. Meet new situations with parents with maturity
40. Don't look for gifts or tips

Camp-Community Relationships

41. Behave in town
42. Dress neatly
43. Be courteous to townspeople
44. Pick friends carefully
45. Don't hitch-hike
46. Be obedient to local laws
47. Show interest in community and church affairs
48. Assist in community and church needs when possible
49. Recognize rights of townspeople
50. Contribute camp news items to local paper

—Edward J. Slezak, director, Mich-A-Ke-Wa Lodge, Cheboygan, Mich.

Nature and Campcraft

A Letter from Smokey Bear

Howdy, Fellow Campers:

We've already come face to face on billboards, posters, and movie and TV screens all over the country. I hope our get-together this month in Camping Magazine will help us become better acquainted. I need your help in preventing forest fires.

The number of forest fires caused by children has increased in recent years. We know that children who are careless with fire are a real threat to our wildlands. A good part of my campaign funds, mostly donated through public service advertising, goes directly into educational media seen, read, heard, and understood by children.

Junior Forest Ranger Club

Enthusiasm among children for fire prevention is in high gear. Membership in my Junior Forest Ranger Club now numbers over 2,000,000 boys and girls. The Club, organized five years ago, is open to any child who writes us for a Junior Forest Ranger kit. These kits, mailed out with membership cards, contain an autographed picture of me, a Smokey Bear song sheet, bookmark, stamps and a Forest Conservation Pledge.

Most children take their Forest Conservation Pledge seriously. Young helpers are lending a hand to the campaign.

What happens when kids get away from home—and the media of television, radio, billboards and news stories? As a camp director or counselor, you've seen how some of them mentally tuck away home-learned habits in the same boxes and suitcases with which Mom and Pop sent them to camp. How many times have you had to caution a child with—"Your Mother doesn't let you do that at home, does she?"

The living forest situations offered by thousands of summer camps—where children can often observe the consequences of forest fires—provide the best possible environment to renew awareness of forest fire prevention and keep it alive.

Camps Need Forests

You can be a key person in the forest fire prevention campaign. You can demonstrate to your campers their dependency on the forest and its many resources, showing them how camp activities are possible only because of the surrounding forests. Should these forests burn, springs and streams which supply their lake with water for swimming and boating might dry up, the lake level would drop and the remaining water become badly polluted. There would be no wildlife to observe on nature hikes, because a burned forest can't provide food and shelter for animals. There would be no material for shelters or fuel for overnight trips. The chain of consequences is virtually endless and carries right to the major motivations of campers—fun and adventure.

Will you help me carry forest fire prevention into your camp this summer? Remember, YOU can instill the desire to protect our forest resources—and it can be made attractive to every camper.

Sincerely,
Smokey

—Tom Seagears, Smokey Bear Hdqtrs., U. S. Forest Service, Washington, D. C.

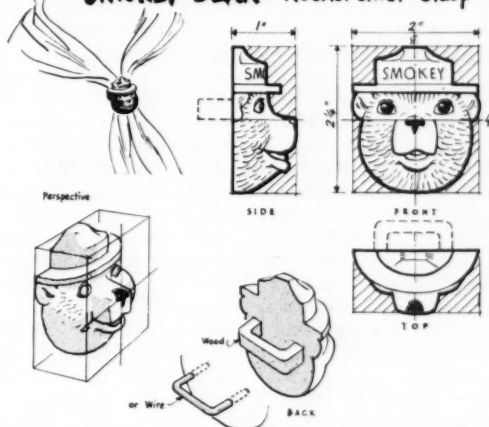
Smokey Suggests Two Projects



Keep campers alert and interested in forest fire danger. A wooden sign, constructed in camp, has an arrow hand as its only moving part. Daily forest fire danger, recorded from fire officials' reports, stimulates fire prevention awareness and interest in conservation.

HOW TO MAKE A

"SMOKEY BEAR" Neckerchief Clasp



Here's a good handicraft project for campers. Trace the outline of Smokey on a piece of clear grained wood 1" thick, 2" long and 2 1/2" wide. Cut out the shaded part with pocketknife or carving tool. Add detail of eyes, nose and hair as shown in drawing.

Loop to hold neckerchief may be carved from another piece of wood and glued to back, or made from heavy wire bent into U-shape and inserted in back.

After carving and sanding, use enamel paints to color. Hat, yellow; nose, lower lip and area around eyes, cream; fur, brown; tongue, red; teeth, white; eyes, white with black pupils.

Learn the Stars

Star-gazing is as old as mankind. It is a hobby which fascinates a child and never loses its charm with the passage of years. It is a field where there is always something new to learn, something for which to search.

The only star that remains in the same place is Polaris, the North Star. Other star groupings should become familiar in relation to the North Star and the Dippers. There are seven bright stars in the Big Dipper and the two stars farthest from the handle are the "pointers." They point directly to the Pole or North Star. The line from the pointers is about three times the distance between the Pointer Stars, and the North Star is at the end of the Little Dipper handle. For centuries

this Pole Star was the sailor's only compass. A line drawn from it straight down to the horizon shows the North.

Maps of heavens for different seasons are found in most star books. Excellent books on astronomy for young readers are: *An Easy Pocket Star Guide for Beginners*, by H. R. Kingston; *The Stars for Sam*, by W. Maxwell Read; *You Among the Stars*, by H. and N. Schneider; and *Stars*, by Zim and Baker.

A fascinating star map can be made from a large cookie tin and a flashlight. On the cover of the tin, with nails of three sizes, punch holes for the stars that can be seen with the naked eye. The largest holes, of course, represent the first magnitude stars. If the cover is painted dark blue, first of all, and if the constella-

tions are outlined with luminous paint, it adds to the map. The flashlight, placed inside the tin and turned on, makes the cover resemble the sky. The making of such a map helps a child remember the look of the sky and identify stars.

It is fun to look at the stars or moon through good field glasses, but it is much more exciting to view them through a telescope. Plan to visit an observatory if one is near camp. This could be a real red letter day.

Star study can be carried on in other ways. Every race has legends about the mighty figures which people the night sky, and children will enjoy these stories.

—Nancy Cleaver, author of many articles on nature lore.



Choosing the Campsite

What are the qualifications for a good site for trail camping? Here is a brief summary.

The land where camp is pitched should have enough slant so that rain water will drain off, but should be level enough for comfortable sleeping. Ground should be soft enough so that tent pegs may be driven in and smooth enough for comfortable beds to be made. The latrine should be built on the down stream, or down slope side of camp, should be at least 150 feet from water and eating area, and accessible to camp by cleared trail.

Both water supply and wood supply should be close enough to camp for easy transportation, preferably right at campsite.

There should be space, if possible, for groups to have their own section separated from other groups. Allow ample space between tents. Camp kitchen and eating area should be centrally located.

Care should be taken that there are no dead trees or live trees with dead branches, or leaning trees that may topple over in a windstorm, in or around the campsite.

Camp should be located far enough from river, creek or tide water, so that in case of heavy rain or high tide, water will not wash in.

Camp should not be pitched on a low area where little air stirs, and should not be on the highest point around where there is danger from lightning.

Before setting up camp at a particular spot, check over the qualifications of a good campsite. After the site is

chosen, lay out the whole camp, driving stakes to represent location of tents and other facilities.

—From "Camping," Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Series.

Equipment List for Camping Trips

Selection of equipment will depend on nature of the trip, route, destination, number in group, etc. This check list is to serve only as a guide.

Group Equipment

1. Light ax and sheath (Hudson Bay type is good)
2. Mill file (medium)
3. Small carborundum or whetstone
4. Accurate compass (not match box type)
5. Topographical maps of area
6. Toilet paper
7. Water purification tablets
8. Mess gear: pail, coffee pot, individual nested mess kit, spatula, knives, forks, spoons, plastic cup and bowl, lightweight reflector oven.
9. Heavy work glove (for handling hot pans)
10. Matches in waterproof case, e.g., plastic pill box. (Figure needs, then double them. Always have emergency match supply.)
11. First aid equipment
12. Candles
13. Steel wool
14. Towel and dish cloth
15. Can openers
16. Paraffined cloth or plastic food bags
17. Salt and pepper in metal shaker or plastic bottle
18. Shelter (Tab tent or whatever desired)
19. 25-50 ft. #10 cod line or nylon parachute line
20. Insect repellent
21. Aluminum foil

Personal Equipment

1. Sleeping bag with cover
2. Underwear (two changes)
3. Wool socks (three changes)
4. Wool trousers
5. Windbreaker, preferably with hood
6. Toilet articles
7. Two shirts (one flannel and one wool)
8. Shorts and/or swimming trunks

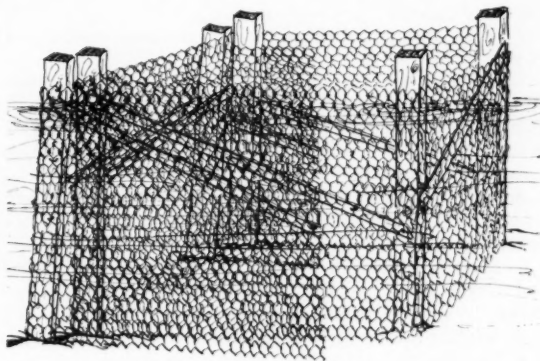
9. Hiking boots (high tops, rubber soles)
10. Mocassins for change at night
11. Pocket and/or sheath knife
12. Poncho (also used as ground cloth)
13. Flashlight, extra batteries and bulb
14. Handkerchiefs
15. Two towels
16. Unbreakable mirror (Air Force Signal Mirror good)
17. Camera and films in waterproof bag
18. Wide brimmed hat
19. Canteen
20. Bandana
21. Sunglasses

—Stanley W. Stocker, *ACA Camping Survey Director.*

Build an Outdoor Aquarium

Campers' new interest in nature, a growing collection of too-small-to-eat fish and no place to keep them—this is a familiar problem for nature counselors. We solved it easily and inexpensively one summer by building a fish pen.

We pounded four six-foot lengths of 2" x 4" lumber into the lake bottom to a depth of two and a half feet. Next we stretched a roll of fine chicken wire around the four supports and nailed it in place. Wire was kept at sand level so fish couldn't escape. Then we added wooden cross-braces to keep the pen rigid. Our aquarium was ready for use.



The pen was near shore so campers could stand on shore and watch water life exhibits or wade in to feed their special aquatic pets. Water wildlife was easy to care for since chicken wire allowed continual change of fresh water and food supply.

—Jean Finerty, *nature lore counselor.*

Making Friends with Raccoons

When twilight falls and shadows merge into darkness, the low sweet voices of the night are heard in full harmony. Seated close to our open campfire, we listened intently. A rustling sound came from beyond our clearing.

A sweep of my flashlight along the edge of the wooded area brought into view pairs of radiant eyes—those of raccoons watching every movement. The light-footed visitors remained motionless, seemingly fascinated by the crackling sound and the leaping flames of the fire.

Later, when camp was in darkness, the nocturnal prowlers cautiously ventured forth on a tour of inspection and

in search of something to eat. In the light of the moon we watched them from our tent. First they explored the fireplace, then the outdoor kitchen, searching intently for food. Their attempt to get possession of our breakfast bass suspended between two birches provided the greatest woodland entertainment. When leaps from the ground failed, they climbed nearby trees. Venturing out on



branches much too thin for support proved their downfall.

We encouraged the nocturnal visits of the coon family. Each evening morsels of food were placed closer and closer to the fireplace. During the early stages of the experiment, the masked creatures moved stealthily into camp, snatched up the food and disappeared back into the woods. Their repeated visits accustomed them to our presence and the sound of our voices. After a week's time some of our ring-tailed friends showed increased confidence. At this stage we began to take photographs. First we conditioned them to the camera flash by directing the beam of a powerful light at them while they were eating.

Our woodland companions soon became regular callers. Campfire was their signal for mess call. They would sit up and eat toasted marshmallows and peanut butter crackers from our hands. At times they even quarreled for priority. Coonie showed the highest I.Q. She often sat by the fire and was very companionable. Her favorite tidbit was spooned peanut butter. Buster had a more ravenous appetite and ate any left-overs from dinner.

During the third week of our friendship Coonie was eager to bring and show us her young. She guards them well, keeping them under her care the first winter. It took careful planning to get these babes out of the woods. The little fellows learned quickly and soon became frequent visitors.

Interesting Experiment

Our four-week experiment proved interesting and educational. We observed at close range the habits and characteristics of the raccoon. We enjoyed their friendship. And, with patience and understanding, we gained their confidence to a degree that enabled us to photograph them at close quarters.

—Dr. Arthur H. DesGrey, *Associate Professor, City College, New York.*

Games, Rainy Day Activities

How to Tell a Story

Listener and teller alike share the magic of a good story well told. The successful story teller chooses and prepares his story carefully. Here's a check list to help select stories:

1. Does the story have action?
2. Is it true or is it convincing fiction?
3. Does it have a point?
4. Is it at the right age-level?
5. Is it *my* kind of story to tell?
6. Do I have the plot well in mind.
7. Do I have the main characters in mind?
8. Do I have all the facts straight?

Prepare and Practice

Try to catch each story's mood and adapt it to your individual personality. Decide how *you* can tell it best—choose pacing, words, gestures. Experiment by telling it aloud. Later, when campers are listening, you'll speak with more confidence and more of you and the story will come through. When campers are hushed and waiting, start slowly, establish the mood, the setting, the kind of people involved.

Avoid long digressions. Don't moralize. Never, *never* water down the story ending. End strong and end fast.

—From an article by Arthur Lewis Zapel, *Camping Magazine*, May, 1957.

Indoor Olympics

Introduce this program with folk songs of various countries sung at meals, reading and telling folk legends, etc. Organize campers into five or six teams representing different countries. Each team can prepare banners, cheers, songs. Schedule such events as: Javelin Throw (use straws for javelins;) Discus Throw (use pie tins or paper plates;) Relay Race (use the old matchbox-on-the-nose race, for instance;) Shot Put (use blown-up paper bags or balloons.) Posters and costumes can add an international flavor to the games.

Thinking Games

Geography Chain — A player begins by naming a place, a river, a mountain. The next player has to come up with a name that starts with the last letter of the preceding word. If the first word is Africa, the next might be Alaska or Annapolis. The winner, of course, is the one who doesn't miss a turn.

Ghosts — The first player calls out a letter. The next adds a letter to it, and so on around the group. Players try to avoid calling a letter that completes a word because that is a losing point.

If a player thinks another is faking a word he can challenge. If his opponent gives a real word, the challenger loses a point. If he has no real word, challenger wins a point.

With each lost point, a player is tagged with a letter of the word *ghost*. The game may end when one player becomes a complete ghost.

A Successful Rainy Day Program

How can limited cabin space be best used in planning a rainy day program? One of the most fun-filled days of our camp season resulted from this question.

Each cabin of campers participated in the afternoon program as a unit, competing against the other cabins in camp. There were nine cabins, plus the recreation lodge, available for use. In each, a game or other activity was set up with a counselor in charge. The counselor's job was to explain the activity to each group, adjust the level of difficulty so that older campers would have higher standards to meet, and keep a record of scores of each group in each activity.

Later each counselor listed the cabins according to which had the highest number of points. The cabin with the highest rating, obtained by averaging the placements of different activities, was the winner.

Cabin groups rotated from one cabin to the next, staying in each for 20 minutes. A bell was rung at the end of each period. A brief outline of activities used and suggestions for scoring follows.

Activities Used

1. Flip a teaspoon into a tumbler by using another teaspoon. Each success scores one point.
2. Flip cards into a hat. Make shooting distance longer for older players.
3. Make as many small words from the word *catastrophe* as possible.
4. Drop clothespins into a bottle. Age of players determines number needed to score a point.
5. Draw a 9-box square. Place numbers 1 to 9 in such a way that columns add up to 15 in every direction. Use a simpler math puzzle for young children.
6. (In recreation hall) Teach a square dance. Points based on skill in dancing, speed of learning, group co-operation.
7. Make a booklet of "A Day at Camp," using sketches and simple sentences. Each camper contributes one page. Judged by arts and crafts counselor.
8. Spelling bee. Vary level of difficulty to ages.
9. Teach a new song. Skill in learning and singing considered in judging.
10. Work a 120-piece picture puzzle.

Several aspects of this afternoon program prevented any listlessness or boredom. Active games were alternated with mental games. Every 20 minutes campers moved to a new setting and a surprise activity. Interest in scoring produced a pleasant excitement. Cabin members were not competitive within their own group, but were encouraged to help each other and so to help their group, developing a cooperative attitude in group relations. The program also provided an opportunity to teach certain skills to the entire camp in a small-group situation; e.g., the square dance, and a Spanish song used later for a foreign night program.

The actual time needed to present the program to counselors and assign activities was 10 minutes. If more time is available, counselor suggestions could be used to determine the activities.

The number of campers of varying ages who enjoyed that rainy afternoon made our planning worthwhile.

—Mrs. Helen Charpentier, *Camp Golden Arrow*, Georges Mills, N. H.

Land Sports

Hiking With a Purpose

A radiant stream of sunshine greeted me through a knot-hole in the cabin wall. It announced, "This is your day off, the day for your hike."

You see, I've often thought that a hike at camp resembles a marathon. After three grueling hours on the trail a group reaches the camp site, bushed. Stew and dough-boys are wolfed down, campfire stories and devotions go unheard, and all are ready for the sack. Today I hoped to prove that this is entirely the wrong approach.

While the rest of camp slept soundly, I slipped on a pair of khaki pants and a lightweight cotton shirt, carefully greased each heel with vaseline, put on socks and boots, and stole out into the morning.

My destination was Catawba Falls and back before night-fall. It was just six miles, so there was plenty of time. The first mile I played a game called "Name that tree or plant." There were tulip poplars, chestnut oaks, rhododendron in full bloom, blazing azalea, laurel, hemlock, pine, smilax, honeysuckle, hickory and some small chestnut shoots by a large decaying stump. Wild geranium, pink, white and lavender, and blue violets covered the ground in every direction.

The trail narrowed and wound upward sharply. I noted that erosion was destroying this beautiful trail in many



places. Thoughtless hikers were taking shortcuts around trees and shrubs, making paths that permitted water to rush headlong down the trail. Some plants had already succumbed to this onslaught that left roots bare. I determined that our campers would correct this practice. The local rangers should be informed right away, too. I saw a real opportunity for our whole camping program, based on conservation.

My next plan was to walk very rapidly for a half-mile and then slower for another half. At the end of each I would sit for a breather and jot down what had been observed on the trail. With this in mind I started out at a brisk pace.

After 15 minutes of exhausting travel I stopped to take stock. I stubbed my foot on a rock not seen in my hurry; I tried to take a stream too fast and almost turned my ankle; I saw a large bush of berries, but didn't stop to find out if they were ripening. The landscape was just a mass of unidentified plants.

The next test was to determine if speed really is an element on a purposeful hike. On this section of the trail, I added a black locust to the tree list, turned over a rot-

ten log with a stick and watched a ring-neck snake crawl for cover, took time out to locate a crow that was sending his caw-caw across the valley. I decided this test was complete, successful and rewarding.

The roar of water falling over rocks told me that the lower falls were near. There is something about rushing water that stirs the emotions as nothing else can — so powerful it can light a city, yet as delicate as finest lace. I looked up and saw God's handiwork tumbling down a narrow gorge hemmed in by towering mountains. What a sermon for the boys!

The upper falls churned, swirled, bounced, and then lay peacefully in a delightful little pool. Miles back in the mountains, this shallow pool was alive with activity. Almost every rock was the hiding place for crayfish and salamanders. No creatures delight the heart of a small boy more than these. Tiny little minnows, almost transparent, swam under a rock ledge. How did minnows get so far back in the hills? A question a curious camper might ask, and I couldn't answer—yet.

Reluctantly I realized it was time to eat. For my blessing I looked up at the sun scarcely visible through the trees, turned to the placid water at my feet, watched the tumult rushing down from the rocks above, and let the grandeur of it all burst my soul with gladness. I breathed a prayer—"May I never lead another hike without allowing campers such moments as this."

—William H. Crutchfield, director, Camp Cherrylog, Cherrylog, Ga.

Trail Riding Precautions

Horseback rides away from camp can be made safer by observance of a few simple rules.

Remove low hanging branches and other obstructions from certain trails and use only these marked paths.

Maintain order by keeping the group at slow, even gaits according to the ability of the least experienced rider. Insist that riders remain in single file with a horse's length between mounts.

Use only well-trained horses. If necessary, these may be rented from schools or from reliable dealers.

Secure alert, experienced instructors. Two counselors can supervise a riding program involving 10 or fewer horses. The National Division of Girls' and Women's Sports, AAHPER, rates riders according to a standardized method and recommends instructors for camps.

Keep riders in a ring or small enclosed field until they are skilled enough to handle horses on the trail.

—From an article by Marion H. Lee, *Camping Magazine*, March, 1957.

Dodge Ball Game

For safety and enjoyment choose a light ball — a volleyball or rubber ball.

Draw a line dividing a large area in half. Two equal teams scatter on either side of the line. A ball is thrown out and caught by a player who throws it to the opposite side in an attempt to hit a player. Team members that are hit, or who step over the line, are eliminated. Score only the hits below the waist. The team with the most players left after a given time wins.

Water Sports and Safety Rules

Suggested Swimming Regulations

1. No one enters swimming area without checking in and obtaining permission of staff member in charge.
2. All swimming is to be done with a "buddy" of the same swimming ability.
3. All signals must be immediately obeyed.
4. All persons must check in and out of waterfront by placing their buddy tag on the check board.
5. Any changing of buddies, swimming area, etc., must be done at the buddy check board. Each person handles his own tag.
6. No running, pushing, or horseplay allowed.
7. Instructions from life guard must be immediately obeyed. Refusal will result in suspension of waterfront privileges. No one is to distract the life guard by conversation or play.
8. No one is allowed to swim under piers, rafts, or on the far side of rafts.
9. Any person who makes a false cry for help will be immediately sent from the water and his waterfront privileges suspended.

Suggested Small Craft Regulations

1. No one is permitted to use boats or canoes until he has permission of waterfront staff member and has checked out on small craft board.
2. Non-swimmers are not permitted in boats or canoes unless accompanied by waterfront staff member and then only with permission of waterfront director.
3. All persons must complete basic canoeing and/or boating tests before they take out craft.
4. No person may take out a boat or canoe alone unless he has passed advanced boating or canoeing tests.
5. No boats or canoes are to enter swimming area at any time.
6. No one is permitted to use boats or canoes during general swims.
7. Under no circumstances may any swimmer hold onto, or tow, a boat or canoe.
8. No one is to splash, rock or stand up in a boat or canoe.
9. No boats are to land anywhere on the lake, or be out of sight of camp, without permission of staff member in charge.
10. Never leave a swamped rowboat or canoe.

—Stanley W. Stocker, ACA Camping Survey Director.

10 Rules for Cleaner Waterways

DO carry a travel trash bag or container aboard your boat, and bring it back to port for proper shore-side disposal.

DO curb the urge to throw trash over the side of your boat.

DO dispose of trash while afloat only in legal deep-water areas far out from harbors and shore fronts, and only in closed and weighted containers which will sink to the bottom.

DO puncture both ends of cans so they will sink and dispose of them only in the areas mentioned above.

DO observe all federal, state and local sanitation laws.

DO prevent the discharge of oil or gas into waters where

they will be carried into shore areas and kill animal and plant life.

DO maintain your waterfront docks and structures so that they do not become dilapidated.

DO clean up all cookout and camp sites so that no trash can be blown or washed into the water.

DO set a good litter disposal example for your campers.

DO report any cases of stream pollution to local authorities.

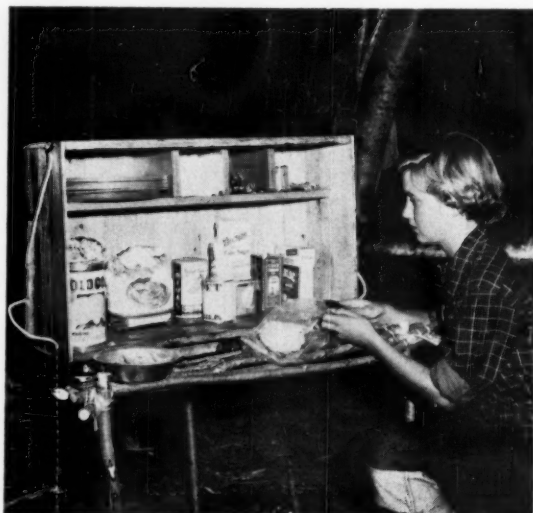
—Prepared for Keep America Beautiful, Inc., by Popular Boating magazine.

Surfboard Water Show

Advanced swimmers often look for more challenging waterfront programs. Try training campers for a surfboard ballet. Many beautiful water show routines may be developed by using surfboards on pool or lake with dance techniques such as ballet, modern dance and slow, graceful acrobatic stunts. Music, simple costumes and spot-lighting for night shows add much to the effectiveness of such programs.

Interesting routines can also be devised by practicing graceful methods of getting on and off boards in deep water and changes of position. Head stands, hand balancing, elbow stands and somersaults are acrobatic stunts that may be done successfully on a surfboard.

—From a Camping Magazine article, February, 1959, by Everett Leedy, Camp Illahee, N.C.



—Camp Wawenock, South Casco, Maine

A Kitchen in a Canoe

This wooden canoe box is used by campers and staff at Camp Wawenock, South Casco, Maine. The box fits snugly into a canoe on trips. Later, when set up at camp site on a lashed support, the divisions become storage shelves and the cover may be used as work space. The box may be equipped with removable screw-in legs.

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Food Suggestions and Recipes

Camper-Tested Recipes

The following recipes have been camper-tested and camper-recommended. They were presented at the ACA Region II Convention this year.

CHEESE FONDUE

2½ quarts milk
1 lb. 9 oz. broken pieces of bread
4 lbs. ground sharp cheese
¾ oz. butter
¾ teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
27 eggs

Separate eggs. Scald milk (do not boil) and pour over bread. Add ground cheese and seasonings and mix. Add beaten egg yolks, mix. Beat egg whites until stiff and just beginning to get dry. Fold into cheese mixture. Divide into three pans that are well greased. Bake in a pan of hot water in a 350-degree oven for 35 to 60 minutes or until set. Yields three pans cut into 15 portions each. Portions should be 3- by 5-inches.

JUMBO PIZZA SANDWICH

3 one-pound loaves French or Vienna bread
¾ cup sliced or chopped ripe olives
¾ teaspoon pepper
¾ teaspoon ground oregano
2¼ teaspoons salt
6 tablespoons chopped onions

1½ lb. ground beef
¾ cup grated Parmesan cheese
3 six-ounce cans tomato paste
24 oz. ready-sliced process cheese

Cut bread in half, lengthwise. Combine olives, pepper, oregano, salt, onions, beef, Parmesan cheese and tomato paste. Put into frying pan and cook until meat is done. Divide meat equally and spread over cut sides of bread.



Place on cookie sheet, spread side up, and bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees) for 15 minutes. Remove from oven. Cut cheese slices in half, diagonally. Cover meat with eight overlapping triangular slices of cheese. Return to oven for 10 minutes. Slice each sandwich into 12 sections and serve hot.

Purchasing Meat for 50

Meat	Weight, Measure or Count Per Unit	Approximate Size of Serving	Servings Per Pound	Amount to Purchase
Pork: roast (loin trimmed)	10-12 lb. loin	2½-3 ounces cooked	2-2½	20-25 lbs.
Ham: smoked	12-15 lb.	3-3½ ounces cooked	2½-3	17-20 lbs.
Ham: fresh	12-15 lb.	3-3½ ounces cooked	2-2½	20-25 lbs.
Meat cakes	1 lb. raw meat measures 2 cups packed meat	4-5 ounces uncooked 1 or 2 cakes	2½-3	17-20 lbs.
Meat loaf, meat patties	Same as for meat cakes	4-4½ ounces cooked meat loaf	3½-4	12-15 lbs.
Bacon: slices	30-36 medium	3 strips medium	10-12	5-16 lbs.
Liver		4 ounces cooked	3-4	13-17 lbs.
Sausage: links	8-9 large per pound	3 links	3	17-20 lbs.
Weiners	7-8 per pound	2 weiners	4	12½-14 lbs.
Beef: chuck	9-12 lb.	3-3½ ounces cooked	2-2½	20-25 lbs.
Lamb: leg	6-8 lb.	2½-3 ounces cooked	1½-2½	20-35 lbs.

Successful Outdoor Cooking

Cooking activities should be planned progressively so campers will gradually become proficient in handling themselves around the outdoor kitchen and fire. Planning for outdoor food should include provision for balanced meals and avoidance of food that may spoil easily; packing to ensure efficient carrying and safe arrival at the cookout spot, and proper storage at the camp site.

A good cookout will depend, finally, on safe and adequate fireplaces and supervision of individual cooking to be sure campers get good meals. Cleaning up should be done by campers. Teach campers good practices, such as burning refuse and sterilizing milk cans.

—Program Service, Boys' Club of America.

Interesting Vegetable Combinations

Bermuda onions stuffed with baked beans and catsup
Escalloped sweet potatoes with apple or pineapple
Escalloped onion and green pepper
Escalloped eggplant and tomato
Lima beans in tomato sauce (Creole)
Beans and carrots
Beet and beet greens
Baked onions in tomato sauce
Cabbage and carrots
Corn and tomatoes
Cheese potatoes

Vegetable Salads

Cottage cheese with pineapple, green pepper, onion
Corn and green pepper
Molded tomato aspic and cream cheese
Macaroni and diced apple or pepper
Cabbage and carrot, peanut, pepper, pineapple
Ground carrot and raisin, onion, peanut

—Margaret M. Walsh, Consultant Dietitian for the Welfare Federation of Cleveland.

Prevent Bacterial Food Poisoning

Food poisoning is a term used to describe illness resulting from contaminated food. People or animals who are either infected or carriers are sources of bacterial contaminants. Food contamination usually results when food handlers are not taught to handle food properly or become careless about it.

In seeking causes for food poisoning outbreaks, complete menus for the previous 72 hours should be reviewed and methods of food preparation and handling investigated by health authorities.

Certainly a person with a cold should not prepare food. Even a healthy person who touches his hair or face during food preparation may transfer seemingly harmless bacteria to food where—if given a chance—they may multiply and form toxins, which in turn poison those who eat the food.

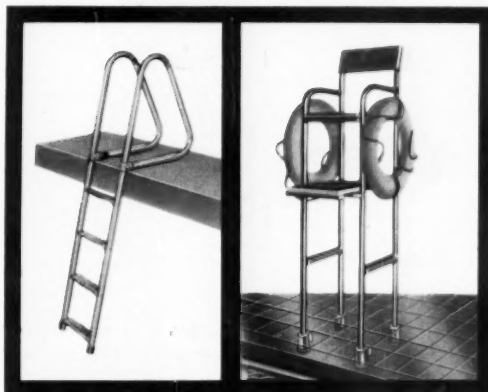
Contamination may also come from equipment. Common offenders are slicers, grinders and cutting boards. Particles of food, if allowed to cling to equipment for hours, have been found full of bacteria.

Immaculate housekeeping is the solution.

—From an article in May, 1958, *Camping Magazine* by Dorothy M. Proud and Karla Longree, Cornell University.

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—Boys' Club of America, Arts and Crafts File.

Indian Lore Supply Sources

Excited voices can be heard in the Indian lore lodge. Campers are busily putting finishing touches to breech clouts and feathered dancing regalia. At twilight, the ceremonial beat of a tom-tom will echo, summoning blanketed campers to the council ring. As the fire leaps high, feather-crested dancers will depict Indian dances.

Indian lore is a natural activity within the scope of every

camp. Sources of program supplies are outlined here. Basic materials are available from a number of suppliers.

Plan the scope of your Indian program by referring to books of instruction in many phases of Indian lore, including costume, feather craft, dance and ritual.

It is likely the Indian of yesterday would have gladly substituted many of his costume materials for today's products. Costly buckskin for boys' leggings and girls' dresses is prohibitive, but a wide range of materials resembling buckskin can be bought at most dry goods and Indian craft supply stores.

Gone are the days when an Indian can supply his own feathers. Killing the scarce eagle is illegal in most states today. However, an excellent imitation eagle feather is commercially prepared by dyeing white turkey tail feathers. Years ago, an Indian had to secure, wash, and dye his own plumes, usually with questionable results. Today feather merchants use modern means to produce a colorful variety of feathers for which today's Indian is willing to exchange his wampun!

Symbolic of the Indian is the tom-tom or drum. One or more drums is a "must-have." Directors would be smart to procure a good Indian-made drum while it is still possible to obtain one. A qualified instructor can help campers produce a small drum from a wooden chopping bowl or cheese keg. Rattles can be made from gourds or from a combination of tin cans and dowel sticks.

Suitable Indian chants and recordings of tribal rhythms for novice dancers are available from many suppliers.

Makeup kits, dancing bells, wigs, beads, looms, shells, headbands, drum heads, moccasin kits and costume patterns can also be secured from Indian craft supply houses.

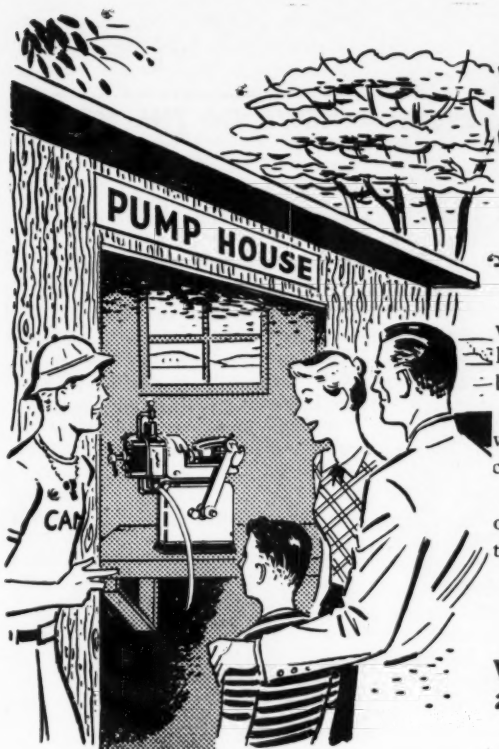
Watch interest in Indian lore grow when you provide a separate space or cabin for the exclusive use of your "Indians," as a craft shop, storehouse, museum, reading room,



or rainy day dance refuge. Eventually, it will become a show place of the camp.

—Red Dawn, director, American Indian Lore Association.

[American Indian Lore Assn., 11402 Crossdale, Norwalk, California, will recommend Indian lore specialists to visit camps and conduct an "Indian Lore Seminar," a capsule demonstration. They also consult via correspondence with camps regarding Indian lore programming and recommend personnel when available. Camping Magazine's Annual Reference Issue and Buying Guide lists several Indian Craft supply houses.—Ed.]



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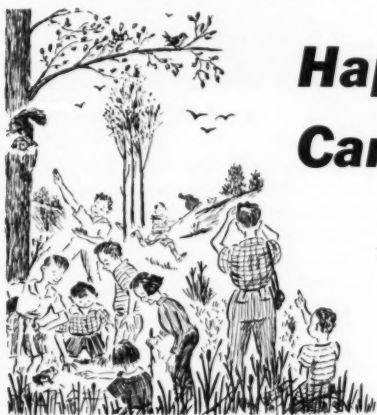
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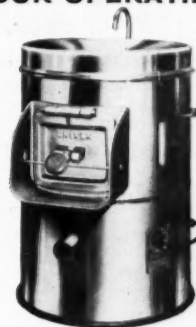
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Members Vote in Favor of Dues Changes Reports ACA President Fred V. Rogers

Votes on the new dues structure have been duly counted. You, the members of ACA, have voiced your approval of the plan, which now becomes effective July 1, 1959.

ACA has met another crisis and, as has always been true, come to grips with the matter and resolved it in the democratic way—by will of the majority. Now again, we must unify our effort toward the common goal—a stronger voice for camping!

It has been gratifying that in all our contacts and correspondence, regardless of position, there has been an admirable attitude that the will of the majority will be supported enthusiastically. We urge all of you to respond accordingly, for with the budget, including the full Standards program, solidly supported, we will now continue the aggressive program for "Better Camping for All."

One of our Executive Committee members has just read the total manuscript of the ACA publication to be in print by the National Convention in San Francisco, "Light from a Thousand Campfires." He says it is: "Magnificent! A must for every library! As important to camping as is 'Camping and Character.'" A further interesting comment is: "We members seldom realize how much is done for us by volunteer committees. The work in preparation, writing and publication, has and will take hundreds of hours of many people!"

The Chicago Section is still seeking gifts for the memorial to Dr. Hedley Dimock to be established at ACA headquarters. A substantial amount is still needed to accomplish the modest goal. Send your gifts—any amount—to Ted Cavins, 1221 Griffith Rd., Lake Forest, Ill.

Region V is planning a Regional Campcraft Instructors' Workshop, to be held this fall. The purpose of the workshop is to interpret the ACA Campcraft Certification Program to persons who are qualified to direct campcraft instructor workshops. All Sections in the Region will be invited to participate. Other Regions might find such workshops desirable, so as to have qualified experts to certify

other instructors in their Sections. Workshops must be approved by the ACA Leadership committee, Catharine C. Reiley, chairman.

With so many projects before us, we have not mentioned the progress of the Business Membership, accepted by the membership in January. The program has been implemented



Fred V. Rogers

and renewals are being accepted on the new schedule. As the purchasing program for all camps moves into high gear, we urge members to inquire of their suppliers about the suppliers' membership status in ACA. Follow up with firm encouragement for alignment with ACA for those who are not yet members. Business membership brochures and applications are available on request from ACA headquarters, Martinsville, Ind. Now is the time to promote business memberships.

Hats off to Michigan Section! They voted \$200 for one year to support the request of the Studies and Research Committee for funds to establish a research grant to be awarded for the most promising research proposal submitted in the broad area of camping and outdoor education.

Belated public thanks to Capitol Section for the President's gavel laminated from wood scraps left from chips of the black walnut mantle on the fireplace of ACA headquarters. It is beautifully done and will be a tra-

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ditional piece in the history of ACA.

As we move into the summer period, we are challenged to provide the best camping experience possible for those young people we are privileged to serve. It is exhilarating to know this same effort is going on all through this country under the seal of ACA approval. Best wishes for continued and maximum success to all!

Ransom Discusses Projects, Activities

By **Hugh W. Ransom**
Executive Director, ACA

The U. S. Office of Education reports that in 1965 there will be 1,250,000 more children of elementary school age than at present. This would mean a potential of 28% more children in the 13,000 camps at the present time—and these camps serve only 12% of school-age children now. We will need many more camps before another decade rolls around.

Although we sincerely believe a good camping experience is beneficial for most children, let us not enlarge our present individual camps and camping operations greatly to meet the inevitable growing demand for camps in the future. Let us adhere to the better educational philosophy of smaller, better integrated camping groups, not regimented or mass production.

Standards. We need to consolidate all gains in the ACA Standards Program to date—Resident, Day and Family Camp Standards—and move on.

Leadership. In addition to all current efforts to train and develop more mature camp leaders, the following are needed: more and better camp leadership courses in colleges and universities; more and better Section camp leadership programs; extension of the present Campcraft Certification Program throughout the country; development of certification programs for other camp positions.

We also need: more attention given to camp staff recruitment and placement; presentation and study of a plan for colleges and universities to give field credit for camp counseling; consideration of desirability and need for developing and establishing Student Chapters or Counselor Clubs in colleges and universities; Counselor-in-Training Programs.

Legislation. Every month brings new evidence that, whether we like it or not, we are going to have more governmental control of camping and more laws enacted that directly or in-

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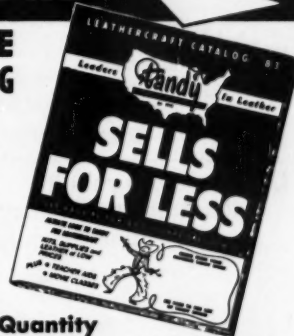
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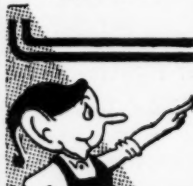
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directly affect camping. As the voice of organized camping, ACA National and Sectional leaders must be informed and alert to all proposed legislation. We must abandon the past position of "let well enough alone" and delayed opposition (often too late) to bad bills introduced by uninformed legislators.

Close cooperation with State Departments of Health, Education and Welfare can secure bi-partisan sponsorship for submission of laws that follow the lines of our ACA Standards and keep us out of being classified with trailer camps, hunting camps, summer resorts and the like. We have been very backward about initiating and supporting legislation favorable to camping.

Conservation and Outdoor Education. Made possible by a generous grant of \$15,000 over a three-year period by Lilly Endowment, the Conservation-in-Camping Project is making good progress directed by Rey Carlson.

Family Camping Proposal

Consideration is being given to developing a Family Camping Division of ACA to serve individuals and families who want to camp on their own. ACA's Family Camping Service Committee is chaired by George T. Wilson.

Camping's Golden Date By the Golden Gate

American Camping Association's 1960 Convention will be "golden" in many ways. It's ACA's golden anniversary. The Convention will be held in San Francisco, the city by the Golden Gate Bridge. All this—plus the fact that the Steering Committee is working hard to provide golden opportunities for members to grow professionally. Theme of the convention will be "Light from a Thousand Campfires," title of the anthology of Camping Magazine articles to be published at convention time.

Conventions are the place where association members can meet and work together — and have fun together. ACA's National Convention will be no exception to this rule.

Everyone planning to go to San Francisco on the California Zephyr special train from Chicago is urged to send an airmail letter to: Mrs. Ruth Tamblin, Box 5050, San Francisco, Calif. If enough people do this, a separate train can be scheduled, leaving Chicago in time to arrive before the kindred group sessions on March 2.

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Though it is now too late for the Travel Club "Save Now, Travel Later" plan with the Bank of America, the Andrew W. Leros Co., travel agency, will assist you with budget plans for the trip. Write them at Box 5050, detailing desired accommodations and method of travel. They will help figure the amount you will need to save. Ask Leros Company about special family travel rates.

Preceding formal opening will be special group meetings. Convention schedules will continue the seminar idea of the St. Paul Convention. Groups will meet approximately five times and will be limited to 25 persons.

Practical knowledge will not be overlooked. A series of workshop groups is planned. Each workshop group, also limited to 25 persons, will be led by an experienced camper.

In addition, special tour groups will be organized to visit California camps and scenic California areas.

Now that plans are moving ahead to make the 1960 Convention successful and exciting, don't forget to move your calendar ahead, too, and mark the dates—March 2-5, Mark Hopkins Hotel, San Francisco, Calif.

Acquaint Suppliers With Business Membership

Because the Business Membership program has been in existence such a short time, not all suppliers will be acquainted with it and how it is designed to help them do business with camps and take a more active role in the camping movement.

Therefore, ACA members should be in a position to answer businessmen's questions concerning this new membership category. ACA headquarters at Martinsville, Ind., will supply Business Membership brochures upon request.

To be eligible for Business Membership, a firm must have a good credit rating, a reputation for ethical business practices and products or services sound and useful for camping. Dues for Business Members are \$200 for firms whose business is national in scope, \$100 for firms whose operation is regional, and \$50 for local firms.

Campcraft, Travel Camp Training Courses

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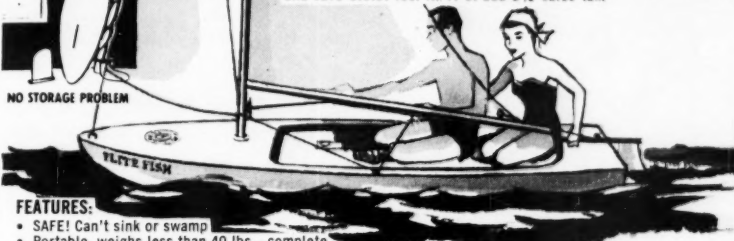
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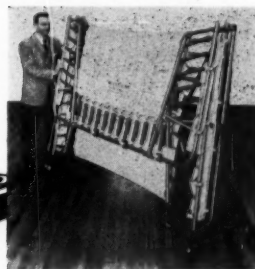
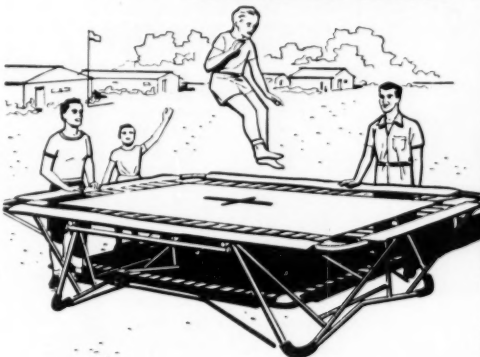
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Pacific Camping Group Names Leaders

Pacific Camping Federation recently announced its roster of officers for 1959. They are: chairman—Frank (Scotty) Washburn, YMCA, Seattle, Wash.; vice chairman—Mildred Stevens, Sacramento State College, Calif.; secretary — Dorothy Quick, Reno, Nev.; treasurer—Roger Plaisted, Los Angeles, Calif.; nominating chairman —Bill Goodall, Pomona, Calif.

Robert Schmid Elected Region V Chairman

Robert Schmid, Minnesota Section, was elected to succeed Carl Mesle as Region V Chairman. Bob is director-owner of Camp Foley, located near Pine River, Minn. He has been active in Minnesota Section as vice president, private camp chairman, research chairman and served nine years on the board of directors.

New Color Movie Ready

"Adventuring in Conservation" is the title of a 15-minute color movie for campers that will be ready for distribution by June 15. It is a co-operative venture of the Conservation in Camping project of ACA and the Audio-Visual Center of Indiana University and was made possible through a grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. Prints may be purchased for \$150 or rented on a five-day basis for \$5.50. Address inquiries to Garrett Mitchell, Audio-Visual Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.

Revised Camp Directory

The "Directory of Camps for the Handicapped" is being revised and will be issued at an early date. Any information on camps accepting children or adults with physical, mental or emotional disabilities should be sent directly to Mrs. Eveline E. Jacobs, National Society for Crippled Children, 2023 West Ogden Ave., Chicago 12.

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Pre-Camp Meetings Busy ACA Sections

Region IV

Southeastern Section's Fourth Annual Georgia District Leadership Conference was attended by 132 persons, including 43 who registered for the administrator's group. Dr. Hugh Masters, director, Center for Continuing Education, University of Georgia, gave the initial challenge to the entire group with his talk on "Camping in a Fast-Changing World."

Consultant for the administrators' group was Dr. H. W. Hurt, Research and Program of Patriotic Education, Inc. Part of the counselor group participated in the "Camp Waterfront Program Development," led by John Komp, American Red Cross. Others learned a variety of campcraft skills under the leadership of Martha Kurtz, Girl Scouts, Columbus. The counselor group enjoyed a supper cookout.

Dr. Hurt concluded the conference with a stimulating talk on human relations.

At the business session the following officers were elected to serve the District for the coming year: chairman—George McCord, Atlanta Public Schools and Camp Yonahlossee, Blowing Rock, N. C.; 1st vice chairman—Edith Klein, Jewish Community Center, Atlanta, Camp Blue Star, Hendersonville, N. C.; 2nd vice chairman—Rev. Henry K. Erwin, Southside Methodist Church, Macon; recording secretary—Mrs. Virnita L. Cribb, YWCA, Atlanta, Camp Highland; Corresponding Secretary — Vi Craig, Girl Scouts, Atlanta, Camp Timberland and Camp Alatoona; treasurer — Carlos Kotila, Dixie Camps, Wiley, Ga.

Region V

Theme for Wisconsin Section's 1959 Spring Institute, held April 24-26, was "At Work." The institute was conducted at George Williams College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wisc.

Topics discussed at sessions included handicraft, campcraft, maps and orienteering, toolcraft, nature activities, wilderness tripping, water safety, working with and for children, and family camping.

Speakers included: Dr. Charles C. Noble, dean of the chapel at Syracuse

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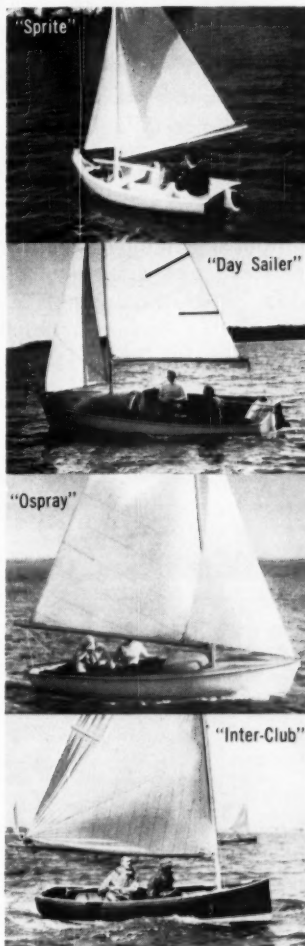
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Region VI

Held April 26 by Colorado Section was a Campcraft Instructors' Workshop. Purpose of the workshop was to certify people in the Section to implement and/or administer campcraft courses. Participants received orientation to a campcraft program and how to put one into action. Campcraft skills were not taught at this session — experiences were shared. Camp directors and staffs who were qualified for campcraft by experience were invited to attend. The workshop was held at Camp Rollandet, Denver, Colo.

Region VII

Three things were outstanding about Coronado's April 3-5 Section Conference. First was the location at Sedona Lodge, so famed as resort headquarters for filming of Oak Creek Canyon's incomparable scenery that it has earned the name of Arizona's "Hollywood." Whether from New Mexico, Texas, Nevada or Arizona, all who attended were in agreement that the beauty of this rustic location provided the perfect setting for a conference of camping people.

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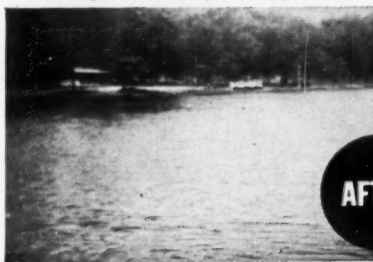
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Let us bow our heads and lift high our souls —
Oh God,

We have come from many places and camps,
We are of all races and faiths,
We have, among many common interests, a special
concern for our campers and our country and a
deep love of the out-of-doors.

We have come
to deliberate and to share fellowship,
to seek ways to meet our obligations to campers,
parents, and society,
to find more effective means of helping campers be at
home in the woods and open spaces,
to understand and love the land and all its treasured
possessions,
to show concern for and to practice stewardship of Thy
land.

We have come also
to share our interests, gains, and concepts of living
and learning in the open spaces,
to probe more deeply the goals and purposes of
camping,
to find more effective ways of attaining these goals and
purposes.

We ask Thy help and guidance
to find more ways of exploring fully those adventures
indigenous to the camp environment,
to do at camp mostly those things not possible in our
urban or home environment,
to gain as many new first-hand experiences as possible
in the out-of-doors,
to see and feel the innumerable things which books try

to tell and pictures try to portray,
to stand in the path of the last glacier and ponder
its power and its gifts,
to scale the high peaks and hills and become engulfed
in the life story of mountains and valleys,
to take time to be quiet, still, and hear the woodland
symphonies,
to make the forest, with all its beauty and mystery
our friend and teacher,
to hear rain on leaves and canvas,
to sleep under the stars and sky on the trails, on the
open hills, in the fields, and by the streams,
to create with hand and mind,
to find new worth as individuals through living in
small groups in the open,
to come closer to the meaning of time and space,
to explore and sense deeply the splendor of Thy
Creation.

Help us, oh God
to see and understand how the life of man is completely
entwined in myriads of vital connections with the
out-of-doors,

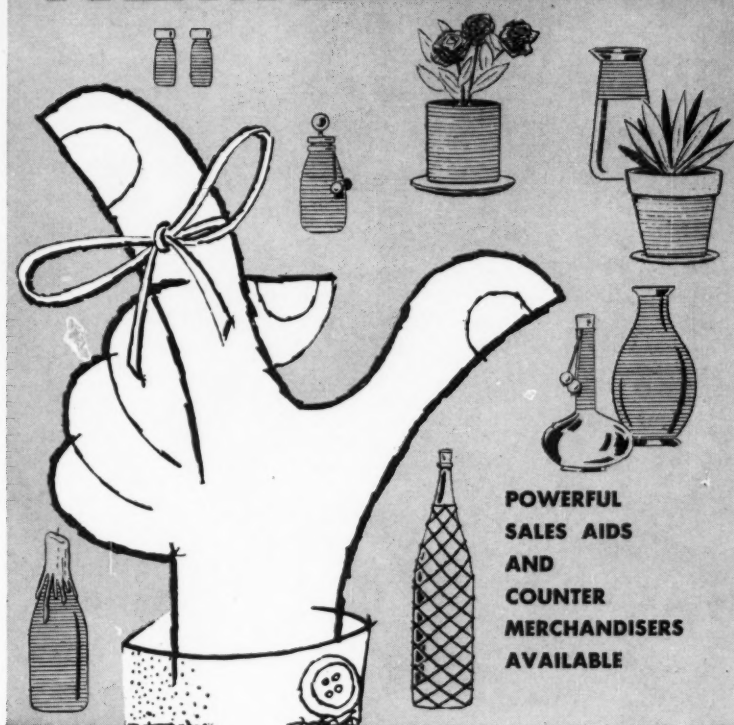
Help us to realize that because of Thy gifts, we may
become better campers, more inspired leaders,
Help us to obtain a fuller and more meaningful and joyous
life in the open spaces.

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